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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ruvkun et al. Art Unit: 1632  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND  
INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 31, 2005, in which the Office finally rejected claims 8, 10-13, 15, 16, 19, and 20 of the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants note that, in a telephone interview between Jan N. Tittel of Clark & Elbing LLP and Examiner Ram Shukla conducted on September 15, 2005, Examiner Shukla stated that the amendments set forth in Applicants' November 17, 2003 reply, and the accompanying exhibits, have been entered into the record. Examiner Shukla further

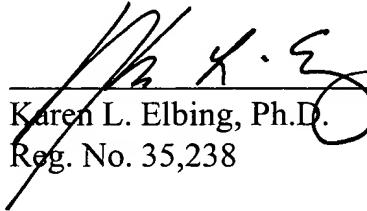
stated that he would prepare an Interview Summary for the September 15<sup>th</sup> interview.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for three (3) months, to and including September 30, 2005 as well as a check in the amount of the appropriate extension fee (\$510.00).

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) for this Notice of Appeal. If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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